



General Assembly

***Substitute Bill No. 470***

*January Session, 2001*

***AN ACT CONCERNING RESEARCH AND EVALUATION PROJECTS  
RELATED TO THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN  
CONNECTICUT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (a) The Commission on Children shall establish a  
2       formal relationship with The University of Connecticut School of  
3       Family Studies by August 1, 2001, to carry out research and evaluation  
4       projects related to the well-being of children and families in  
5       Connecticut including, but not limited to:

6       (1) Detailed data collection and analysis to determine client  
7       populations served, reasons services are provided, services received,  
8       services available and not used and case management and service  
9       outcomes;

10       (2) Identification of the indicators of risk for child abuse, neglect,  
11       and abandonment, juvenile delinquency, educational failure, mental  
12       illness, emotional disturbance and substance abuse in children, and the  
13       prevention and intervention policies and programs required to address  
14       those risks at the earliest point possible, including ways to maximize  
15       points of contact with and referral to service systems;

16       (3) A detailed assessment of current service needs and projected  
17       needs based, to the extent possible, on client population analyses, well-  
18       being indicators, surveys and clinical studies; and

19 (4) The development and monitoring of indicators to measure the  
20 progress toward goals of current state policies and programs for  
21 children and their families, including, but not limited to, healthy,  
22 thriving children, strong, nurturing families, positive youth  
23 development and educational progress and success.

24 (b) The University of Connecticut School of Family Studies shall  
25 apply for funding from public and private sources to support the  
26 research and evaluation required by this section in addition to state  
27 appropriations it may receive.

28 (c) For the purposes of conducting the research and evaluation  
29 required by this section, The University of Connecticut School of  
30 Family Studies shall be granted complete access to all records of all  
31 state agencies and state-funded programs providing services to  
32 children and their families. The university and any such agencies and  
33 programs shall at all times protect the right of privacy of all  
34 individuals involved, in accordance with section 17a-28 of the general  
35 statutes.

36 (d) The Commission on Children shall submit the results of the  
37 research and evaluation required by this section to the Governor and  
38 the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2002, and annually  
39 thereafter.

40 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

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